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- 6. Concise explanations of the relevance of non-English language documents AL1, AM1, AJ2, and AJ3 appear below:
 - Document AL1 (DE 35 01 840 A1) appears to describe a runner strip. An English language abstract of document AL1 is enclosed as document AQ1.
 - Document AM1 (DE 35 05 658 A1) appears to describe a feed manifold bar. An English language abstract of document AM1 is enclosed as document AR1.
 - Document AJ2 (DE 197 23 374 A1) appears to describe a hot channel nozzle. An English language abstract of document AJ2 is enclosed as document AN2.
 - Document AJ3 (EP 1 223 017 A1) appears to describe a hot runner nozzle. An English language abstract of document AJ3 is enclosed as document AO2.

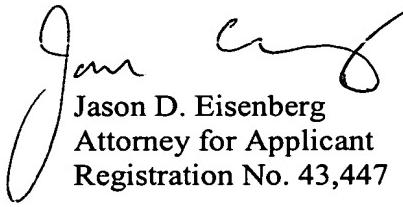
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	AL1	35 01 840 A1	07/1986	DE			NO
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OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AN	1	Search Report from European Application Number 03025483, 5 pages, dated January 23, 2004.
	AO	1	Patent Abstracts of Japan, Publication No. 2000218671, published August 8, 2000, 1 page.
	AP	1	Stamm, A., "Mikro-Flachdüse für kleine Nestabstände," Plastverarbeiter, Vol. 53, Nr. 6, p. 34, Zechner Und Huethig Verlag GmbH, 2002.
	AQ	1	English Abstract for German Patent Number DE3501840, published July 24, 1986, 1 page, from http://vs.espacenet.com .
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	AD2	5,464,343	11/1995	Hepler			
	AE2	5,504,304	04/1996	Noguchi <i>et al.</i>			
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	AG2	5,955,120	09/1999	Deissler			
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AN	2	English Abstract for German Patent Number DE19723374, published December 18, 1997, 1 page, from http://vs.espacenet.com .
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